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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eleventh session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its eleventh session in Istanbul, Turkey, on 19 April 2013 and at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 15 May 2015. The Forum held __ plenary meetings (1st to __). Working Group 1 held __ meetings and Working Group 2 held __ meetings.

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 4 May 2015, the Chair pro tempore and Vice-Chair of the Forum, Srećko Juričić (Croatia), opened the session.

3. At the same meeting, the Chair of the Forum, Noël Nelson Messone (Gabon), made a statement.

4. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Deputy Secretary-General addressed the Forum.

5. At the same meeting, the Director of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests made an introductory statement.

6. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by Eduardo Rojas-Briales, Assistant Director-General for Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests; Charles Barber (United States of America) and Raymond Landveld (Suriname), Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests; Juergen Blaser (Switzerland) and Jorge Illueca (Panama), independent consultants for the independent assessment of the international arrangement on forests; Wu Zhimin (China) and Peter Besseau (Canada), on the country-led initiative hosted by China; and Christian Küchli (Switzerland) and Anna Stemberger (Switzerland) on the country-led initiative hosted by Switzerland.

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7. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 May 2015, statements were made by Shatrudhwan Pokharel (Nepal), on the major group initiative hosted by Nepal; Roman Michalak, Joint Forestry and Timber Section, Economic Commission for Europe and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on the study by those bodies on progress towards global objectives on forests and challenges for the region; and Peter Holmgren, Center for International Forestry Research (also on behalf of the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry), and John Parrotta, International Union of Forest Research Organizations, on the initiative by those bodies on science in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

B. Election of officers

8. At its !st meeting, on 19 April 2013, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Srećko Juričić (Croatia), Heikki Granholm (Finland) and Macharia Kamau (Kenya) to the Bureau of its eleventh session. Subsequently, the Bureau decided that Mr. Kamau would serve as Chair of the session.

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 May 2015, the Forum elected, by acclamation, Vicente Bezerra (Brazil) and Wu Zhimin (China) to the Bureau of its eleventh session. The Forum also elected Noel Nelson Messone (Gabon) to complete the term of office of Mr. Kamau, who had earlier submitted his resignation as Chair.

10. At the same meeting, the Forum agreed that Noel Nelson Messone (Gabon) would serve as Chair and Heikki Granholm (Finland) as Rapporteur of the session.

C. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 May 2015, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/CN.18/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests:
   (a) Reviewing the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and consideration of all future options;
   (b) Reviewing progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests and the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests;
   (c) Reviewing the contribution of forests and the international arrangement on forests, including the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests, to the internationally agreed development goals.
4. Means of implementation for sustainable forest management and forest law enforcement and governance at all levels.

5. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

6. Regional and subregional inputs.

7. Multi-stakeholder dialogue.

8. High-level segment.

9. Forum Trust Fund.

10. Other matters.

11. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eleventh session.

12. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Forum approved the proposed organization of work for the session, as contained in an informal paper in English only.

13. Also at the same meeting, the Forum was informed that the Vice-Chairs, Wu Zhimin (China) and Srećko Juričić (Croatia), would serve as Co-Chairs of Working Group 1 and that the Vice-Chair, Vicente Bezerra (Brazil), and the Rapporteur, Heikki Granholm (Finland), would serve as Co-Chairs of Working Group 2.

14. The Forum was further informed that Working Group 1 would be responsible for the negotiations on the draft ministerial declaration under agenda item 8 and Working Group 2 for the negotiations on the draft resolution on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015 under items 3 to 7 and 9.

D. Attendance

15. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies, with full and equal participation. The list of participants will be issued as document E/CN.18/2015/INF/1.

E. Documentation

16. The documentation considered by the Forum at its eleventh session is set out in the annex to the present report.

Annex

List of documents

Document symbol	*Agenda item(s)*	*Title*
E/CN.18/2015/1	2	Provisional agenda and annotations
E/CN.18/2015/2	3 (a), 3 (c) and 8	Report of the Secretary-General on reviewing the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests and consideration of all future options
E/CN.18/2015/3	3 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on reviewing progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests and the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
E/CN.18/2015/4	4	Report of the Secretary-General on means of implementation for sustainable forest management and forest law enforcement and governance at all levels
E/CN.18/2015/5	5 and 6	Report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination and regional and subregional inputs
E/CN.18/2015/6	7	Note by the Secretariat on the multi-stakeholder dialogue
E/CN.18/2015/6/Add.1	7	Discussion paper submitted by the major groups on the future of the international arrangement on forests
E/CN.18/2015/7	5	Information document on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests Framework 2013 and 2014
E/CN.18/2015/8	9	Note by the Secretariat on the Forum Trust Fund
E/CN.18/2015/9	5	Letter dated 6 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
E/CN.18/2015/10	3 (a), 8	Report of the first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests
E/CN.18/2015/11	3 (a), 8	Report on the second meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests
E/CN.18/2015/12	5	Note verbale dated 23 March 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
E/CN.18/2015/13	5	Note verbale dated 30 March 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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E/CN.18/2015/L.1/Rev.1	8	**Draft ministerial declaration on the international arrangement on "The forests we want: beyond 2015"**
E/CN.18/2015/L.2	3	**Draft resolution on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015**